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TO AMEMBASSY MEXICO IMMEDIATE

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C O N F I D E N T I A L GENEVA 4144

IO FOR WHILDEN, PASS LABOR FOR ILAB

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PLAB ILO MX

SUBJECT: MEXICAN POSITION ON ARTICLE 17 AT INTERNATIONAL LABOR CON-  
FERENCE

REF: STATE 102699

1. MEXICAN MISOFF LOMBERA TOLD US AND THE CANDIANS THAT HE HAS NOT YET RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE GOM FOR THE JUNE INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE (ILC). NEVERTHELESS, AT LATIN AMERICAN REGIONAL CAUCUS (AND IN THE CORRIDORS) HE HAS BEEN URGING THE LATINS TO VOTE IN THE ILC SELECTION COMMITTEE TO PUT THE ARTICLE 17 PROPOSAL INTO THE ILC STRUCTURE COMMITTEE. HE HAS TOLD THE CANDAIANS THIS IS MERELY HIS PERSONAL OPINION. AS THE DEPARTMENT AND THE EMBASSY ARE AWARE, LOMBERA HAS BEEN IN THE FOREFRONT OF ATTEMPTS BY THE G-77 TO "DEMOCRATIZE" THE ILO STRUCTURE, AND HE HAS CONSISTENTLY OPPOSED US POLICY AT ILO.

2. A PRIME US GOA AT THE UP COMING ILC IS TO GET A DECISION TO AMEND ARTICLE 17 OF THE ILC STANDING ORDERS SO THAT THERE IS A PROCESS FOR SCREENING OUT POLITICAL  
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RESOLUTIONS. WE WANT AN AMENDMENT ALONG THE LINES OF THAT APPROVED BY THE ILO GOVERNING BODY IN MARCH ALTHOUGH WE ARE NOT WEDDED TO THE GOVERNING BODY LANGUAGE. THE FIRST AND CRUCIAL OBJECTIVE IS TO HAVE THE ILC SELECTION COMMITTEE REFER THE MATTER TO THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE , (THE ILC BODY EMPOWERED TO DRAFT CHANGES IN THE STANDING ORDERS). LOMBERA AND OTHER OPPONENTS OF A SCREENING PROCESS WISH TO

PUT THE MATTER INTO THE COMMITTEE ON STRUCTURE AND THEREBY  
KILL IT. IF THEY SUCCEED, WE AND THE OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED  
DEMOCRACIES IN THE ILO WOULD SUFFER A DEFEAT WHICH WOULD  
WEIGH HEAVILY IN THE US DECISION ON FUTURE MEMBERSHIP IN  
ILO.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT EMBASSY (1) ASCERTAIN WHETHER  
LOMBERA HAS BEEN ACTING UNDER INSTRUCTIONS AND (2) REPEAT  
DEMARCHE IN REFTEL TO GOM, EMPHASIZING POINTS IN PARA 2  
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